

Public Notice - Environmental Permit

PURPOSE OF NOTICE: To seek public comment on a draft permit from the Department of Environmental Quality that will allow the filling of wetlands in Prince William County, Virginia.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: For 30 days, starting from the day after the notice is in the newspaper: May 26, 2016 to June 27, 2016

PERMIT NAME: Virginia Water Protection Permit issued by DEQ, under the authority of the state Water Control Board

APPLICANT NAME, ADDRESS AND PERMIT NUMBER: Virginia Gateway Associates L.P.; 12500 Fair Lakes Circle, Suite 400, Fairfax, Virginia 22033; VWPP No. 16-0232

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Virginia Gateway Associates L.P. has applied for a new permit for the Wentworth Green Section 6 project. The project site is located along the eastern side of Limestone Drive, approximately 2,000 feet south of the intersection of Wellington Road and Limestone Drive in Prince William County, Virginia. The permit will allow the applicant to construct a commercial development with associated infrastructure, on an approximately 24 acre parcel. The proposed activity would affect 2.12 acres of surface waters, consisting of 1.87 acres of palustrine forested wetland and 0.25 acre of palustrine emergent wetland. The activity proposed in the permit will affect wetlands in the Broad Run/Kettle Run watershed. A watershed is the land area drained by a river and its incoming streams. To compensate for the affected area, the applicant would apply a 2.67 wetland credit surplus from the Virginia Gateway project (VWP Permit No. 98-V0366) and purchase of 1.31 wetland credits from a wetland mitigation bank or-bust fund. DEQ's preliminary decision is to issue the permit.

HOW TO COMMENT AND/OR REQUEST A PUBLIC HEARING: DEQ accepts comments and requests for public hearing by e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments and requests must be in writing and be received by DEQ during the comment period. Submittals must include the names, mailing addresses and telephone numbers of the commenter/requester and of all persons represented by the commenter/requester. A request for public hearing must also include: 1) the reason why a public hearing is requested, 2) a brief, informal statement regarding the nature and extent of the interest of the requester or of those represented by the requestor, including how and to what extent such interest would be directly and adversely affected by the permit, 3) specific references, where possible, to terms and conditions of the permit with suggested revisions. A public hearing may be held, including another comment period, if public response is significant, based on individual requests for a public hearing, and there are substantial, disputed issues relevant to the permit.

CONTACT FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS; DOCUMENT REQUESTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Christoph Quasney, Northern Regional Office, 13901 Crown Court, Woodbridge, Virginia 22193; Phone: 703-583-3826; E-mail: Christoph.Quasney@deq.virginia.gov; Fax: (703) 583-3821. The public may review the draft permit and application at the DEQ office named above by appointment or may request copies of the documents from the contact person listed.